THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has entered into Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) with M/s Delhi International Airport (Private) Limited (DIAL) and M/s Mumbai International Airports (Private)Limited (MIAL) for modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports respectively through Public Private Partnership (PPP). These airports has been handed over to the Joint Venture Companies on 3rd May, 2006.

Government of India (GOI) has signed Concession Agreement with M/s Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) on 5.07.2004 and with M/s Hyderabad International Airport Limited |H1AL) on 20.12.2004 for construction of new greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad respectively through PPP. The new airport at Hyderabad became operational on 23.03.2008.

(b) and (c) Government is actively pursuing with the State Government to ensure better connectivity to the new airport.

Separate runway at Delhi airport

3719. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of growing number of near misses at Delhi Airport caused by two planes being allowed to take off almost simultaneously from the two merging airstrips and then heading towards a collision course over Dwarka;

(b) if so, whether December, 2007 and January, 2008 alone have seen two such incidents with 20 cases being reported in the last one and a half years; and

(c) if so, what are the main proposals Government considers for separate runways for landing and take off at Delhi airport to avoid collision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There were two incidents of air-proximity on 11th and 17th December, 2007 and none in January, 2008. There were total 5 such cases reported in 2006 and 2007.

(c) Segregated mode of operation, wherein one runway is used for arrivals and other runway for departures, has started since 25th December, 2007 at the IGI Airport, after which no incident of air-proximity has been reported.

Single window clearance system for airports

3720. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to allow airports within 150 kilometre if the existing ones in future under the single window clearance policy, while seeking potential to have more than 500 airports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the single window clearance policy; and.

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken on single window clearing system policy so far by the Government?